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Applicant: Valerie BOUSQUET et al.
Title: MBE GROWTH OF A SEMICONDUCTOR LAYER STRUCTURE
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**COMMENTS ON THE EXAMINER'S
STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

Sir:

In reply to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance, provided with the Notice of Allowance dated August 31, 2009, Applicants submit the following comments.

The Examiner offers several reasons why the claims of the present application are allowable over the prior art of record. As part of the reasons, the Examiner appears to primarily rely on the language of independent claim 1. However, Applicants submit that claims 2-4 are also distinguishable over the prior art based on the respective limitations recited therein and not merely based on their dependency from claim 1. Also, in reciting claim 1 in the reasons, the Examiner appears to have inadvertently typed "i0,000:1," which appears to have been intended to read "10,000:1." In any event, the limitations mentioned in the claims are neither taught

nor suggested by the prior art taken either individually or in combination. Applicants note that it is each claim, taken as a whole, including the interrelationships and interconnections between the various claimed elements, which is allowable over the prior art of record.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Donald J. Daley, Reg. No. 34,313 at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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